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What Others Say:

Fulbright's Cagey Talk

An Editorial in Newsday

Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, talked pretty cagily during his recent appearance on "Meet the Press." He indicated his belief that the bombing of North Viet Nam should be re-suspended, but for a longer period, and he took a few sidelong swipes at the alleged influence of the Department of Defense, as well as of the CIA.

The erudite senator hedged, however, when asked if he might not be happier as a member of the Republican minority that has criticized the conduct of the Viet Nam war. Said he, "I am merely expressing my own views." A question is in order. Does he also express the views of his committee? If he does, why hasn't the committee backed him up? Perhaps Sen. Fulbright would be listened to more attentively if he resigned as chairman of foreign relations and spoke purely as an individual. Then nobody could even venture to suggest that he might be using his title and eminence to sell a point of view that, so manifestly, the majority of the people of this country do not share.